John Bonica’s Presentation Copy to Capt. Thomas Robbins

Before chairing the Department of Anesthesiology in 1960 at the University of Washington, Dr. John J. Bonica directed “Departments of Anesthesia” at Tacoma General Hospital and Pierce County Hospital. For trainees at those facilities, Dr. Bonica bound (left and middle) typewritten pages into a red volume titled Manual of Anesthesiology for Medical Students, Interns, and Residents. Anesthesia mentor Bonica presented this manual “with very best wishes” (right) to a Captain Thomas Robbins. After I won this presentation volume on an internet auction, I decided to donate this “manual” to the Wood Library-Museum in memory of another Bonica disciple, Richard G. Black, M.D., who mentored me patiently for 6 months on pain management and regional anesthesia for the elderly, during my Hopkins-National Institutes of Health fellowship in geriatric anesthesiology. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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